

Note from the Editor

This issue of EASTM contains the second part of the special publication dedicated to the history of medicine in early modern Japan. It also includes a research note by Nakayama Shigeru on the incommensurability between Western geometrical and Chinese numerico-algebraic astronomy, and, as befits this journal, a number of book reviews. We are further pleased to announce to our readers the contents of the next two editions of EASTM. Although the exact distribution and sequence is not yet decided, nos. 31 and 32 will publish a collection of plenary lectures presented at the “12th International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia” at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, July 14-18, 2008, as well as three individual papers submitted to our journal. The plenary lectures comprise those by Paul U. Unschuld, President of our society, on “When Health was Freed from Fate: Some Thoughts on the Liberating Potential of Early Chinese Medicine,” and Ellis Tinios on “The Human Body in Japanese Illustrated Books of the Edo Period, 1615-1868,” as well as Volker Scheid’s “From Hierarchies to Process: Integrating Chinese Medicine into Modern Health Care Systems,” James R. Bartholomew’s “How to Join the Scientific Mainstream: East Asian Scientists and Nobel Prizes,” and Tian Miao’s contribution on “Early Stages of Research on the History of Mathematics in China.” The individual articles to be published over the next two issues will include “A Philosophy of Machines and Mechanics in Seventeenth-Century China: Wang Zheng’s Characterization and Justification of the Study of Machines and Mechanics in the *Qiqi tushuo*” by Kim Yung Sik, “The *Rong Cheng shi* version of the ‘Nine Provinces’: Some Parallels with Transmitted Texts” by Vera Dorofeeva-Lichtmann, and “A Korean Reading of Newtonian Mechanics in the Nineteenth Century” by Jun Yong Hoon.

As a result of some delays in the publication of the journal recently, please allow me to make use of this opportunity to elucidate the present situation and schedule for the next two years, as summarized in the table below. During the *bi-annual scheme* (2003-2008) it was not possible to produce a second issue for the years 2004 and 2006. In order to remedy this, during the period of the *annual scheme* (2009-2011), we will publish two numbers for the years 2010 and 2011 rather than just one. Thus, by the end of 2011 the journal once again will be on track with regard to its overall commitment towards subscribers.

I end this note with a general statement about the journal’s publication policy, as becomes evident from the table below: While welcoming and encouraging the submission of individual papers, EASTM will continue to solicit the publication of special issues. By keeping a balance between these two formats we intend to make best use of both types of approaches, that is, individual research mono-

graphs on a subject, as well collaborative efforts tackling a problem complex, both of which are indispensable for promoting and enriching the fields covered by the humanities

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Publication Schedule of EASTM, Past and Future

Publication scheme	Numbers due	Numbers issued	Journal contents
<i>Bi-annual</i>	2003 (1)	20	Individual Contributions
	2003 (2)	21	Vietnamese Military Technology
	2004 (1)	22	Individual Contributions
	2004 (2)	—	—
	2005 (1)	23	Individual Contributions
	2005 (2)	24	In Honor of Prof. Ho Peng Yoke (I)
	2006 (1)	25	In Honor of Prof. Ho Peng Yoke (II)
	2006 (2)	—	—
	2007 (1)	26	Jesuits, Science and Philology
	2007 (2)	27	Western Learning in Late Imp. China
	2008 (1)	28	Individual Contributions
	2008 (2)	29	Japanese Medicine History (I)
<i>Annual</i>	2009	30	Japanese Medicine History (II)
	2010	31	Plenary Lectures
		32	Individual Contributions
	2011	33	Special Issue
		34	Individual Contributions